

AN EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS DOZEN VILLAGES

QUAKE GREATLY RESEMBLES ONE AT MESSINA, ITALY, IN 1908

EQUAL SUFFRAGISTS PARADE AT CAPITAL

Extent of the Loss of Life is Not Known But is Believed to be Very Heavy.

PROPERTY DAMAGE GREAT

First Real News of the Terrible Catastrophe is Brought by Refugees.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CATANIA, Sicily, May 9.—A violent earthquake, greatly resembling that at Messina in 1908 late last night destroyed about a dozen villages in this vicinity.

No estimate of the number of casualties has yet been made but it is known that the damage is enormous. The great gravity of the disaster was not realized until this morning when reports came in from the surrounding country. The villages of Linera and Consentini were transformed into heaps of ruins. At Zafferana every house was destroyed. Enormous damage was caused at Santa Veneria. Roofs fell in and walls collapsed in the hamlets of Santa Maria, Ammalata, Carico, Guardia, Mangano, Santa Tecla and Bongiarlo. The village of Santa Maria Verdone Catania was razed to the ground. Sixty persons were killed in the village of Linera. Among the ruins of Passo Pomo, Bongiarlo and Malati, twenty bodies had been found this morning. Prefect Minervini of Catania and all the officials under his superintendency were called together before daybreak this morning and received orders to do their utmost to aid the afflicted inhabitants. They have since been working indefatigably. The soldiers of the district are aiding in the endeavor to rescue those still alive beneath the ruins and to extricate the dead from the debris. All available nurses were mobilized today and are assisting in gathering the homeless and the children who have lost their parents. Temporary shelter is being provided here for the refugees. Along the principal highways in the stricken district the scene of desolation was heartrending this morning.

Troops of refugees were frequently encountered. Many of these were burdened with improvised litters made of branches of trees on which they were carrying injured and dying relatives to the temporary surgical station established by the surgeons and nurses.

In the neighborhood of Santa Verdena the number of injured was very great. The authorities have commandeered all available automobiles to assist in the work of rescue.

For several days past earthquake shocks have been felt at frequent intervals accompanied by eruptions of Mt. Etna. No particular attention, however, was paid to the occurrences as the inhabitants of the district are accustomed to these agitations and the shocks were not exceptionally violent.

The first severe shock was felt at 7 o'clock last evening but the fact that this had caused serious destruction was not known in Catania for some time as railroad and telegraphic communication was interrupted. The extent of the catastrophe was not realized until this morning when terror-stricken groups of refugees began streaming into town.

The center of the disturbance was in the village of Linera. Here the proportion of dead and injured was very heavy. The victims were mostly women and children. The property loss at Linera was also extremely heavy. The work of rescue was rendered difficult by the great accumulation of debris.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS ORDERED FROM ROME.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
ROME, May 9.—Incomplete reports from Catania this morning indicated that the number of dead in the earthquake district is about 100. The total of injured will reach several times that number.

Upon receipt of the first news of the catastrophe, the minister of war and the minister of marine sent orders to the commanders of the military and naval forces in the district to give all possible assistance.

A concentration of soldiers was ordered to be carried out immediately and the commanders were directed to take with them tents, provisions and clothing. The Italian Red Cross sent an emergency corps to the afflicted towns.

Premier Salandra sent urgent orders to the prefect of Catania to take all possible relief measures.

ISSUES SETTLED

By the State Department Satisfactorily According to Mr. Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt announced today that the state department had satisfactorily settled issues which had arisen over the reported consignment of arms to General Huerta aboard the German vessel, Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, and Bavaria, delivered at Puerto, Mexico.

TO PREACH SUNDAY.

The Rev. H. B. Ewing, of Hoboken, Pa., will preach at the Central Presbyterian church at both services Sunday. In the morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30.

MOTHER'S DAY



FALL OF MAZATLAN SEEMS IMMINENT

ANSWERS

To Questions are Made by Peter Collins at His Lectures against Socialism.

Peter W. Collins, of Boston, who lectures here next Monday night, at the Robinson Grand theater, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, devotes a part of his time at each lecture to answering questions propounded by the audience. From twenty to thirty minutes, or longer, if necessary, is given to this and usually there is no lack of questions. Mr. Collins's long experience on the lecture platform and his wide knowledge of economic, sociological and industrial conditions, make his answers especially interesting. Mr. Collins is the author of the famous twelve reasons against Socialism: "Why a Christian cannot be a Socialist." He is also the author of "The Truth About Socialism," "What is Socialism?" "Why Socialism is Opposed to Trade Unionism" and "Why Socialism is Opposed to the Catholic Church."

MARKED

Cards Disclose Imposture of Alleged Prince and He is Arrested.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 9.—A young man of distinguished appearance who calls himself Prince Karagorjevitch, and who has been suspected to be a son of the king of Serbia, was arrested at Lugano recently, accused of cheating at cards. He appears to have had many victims among the rich American and English tourists at bridge and baccara.

The "prince" occupied magnificent apartments and entertained generously. He usually lost when the stakes were small, but when they were high he won. Finally two women suspected him of cheating and informed the police. A detective who posed as a rich American from New York registered at one of the hotels and was presently introduced to the circle of the "prince." The usual thing happened: stakes were high and the "prince" was winning. After making sure that marked cards were being used the detective called in several agents of police, and took the "prince" and all his baggage to the police station.

And the City Officials in Order to Save Themselves Take to a Gunboat.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
On Board the U. S. S. California, Matatlan, Mex., by wireless to San Diego, Calif., May 9.—The fall of Mazatlan seems to be imminent.

The city officials embarked last night on the federal gunboat, Guerrero, and the steamer, Limantour, both of which are ready to sail for Salina Cruz. The American brig, Geneva, was captured on the high seas April 26 by the Mexican transport, Korrikan, according to information received here today. At the demand, however, of Captain Magruder of the United States cruiser, Raleigh, the brig was released.

The federals have abandoned the gunboat Morales. A wild shot from the Guerrero today passed through a street of the city creating a panic. As a result of a three day's battle the townspeople are in a state of terror. It is reported that C. B. Helley, an American, and G. H. Williams, an Englishman, were killed, and two other Americans were wounded near the El Favor mine.

COUPLE

Fined by Mayor for Assembling for an Immoral Purpose on Lowndes Hill

E. B. Moore was fined \$10 and cost and Mary Irvine \$5 and cost by Mayor Will H. Cole at the session of police court this morning for assembling for an immoral purpose on Lowndes's hill near Seventh street. They were arrested early Friday evening by officers Post and Shahan on complaint of residents of that section. Moore paid both fines and they were released.

Seven drunks were picked up during the day and five of them were broke, and were deported. Two paid fines of 3 each and were released.

WILLIAMS SAFE

According to Assurances Given French Ministry by Mexican War Man.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—American Vice Consul Sullivan, reported imprisoned by Mexican federalists at Saltillo is safe and well according to assurances made to the French legation in Mexico City by the Mexican war minister transmitted to the state department today.

DRINK BILL IS GROWING BIGGER

In the United Kingdom Increasing in the Last Year \$25,000,000.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

LONDON, May 9.—The drink bill of the United Kingdom for the last year shows an increase of twenty-five million dollars. The United Kingdom Alliance, whose mission is to decrease the consumption of alcoholic liquors, makes this report, and suggests that the increase is probably due to unprecedented prosperity, for the kingdom had never experienced a greater wage bill. The encouraging feature, according to the alliance, is a decrease shown in the per capita consumption, which attained its maximum during similar trade revivals in 1874 and 1899.

A discouraging feature is the increase in the consumption of spirits, which leads with an increase of 1,267,000 gallons. Beer is second with 1,002,000 gallons and wine third with 131,000 gallons. The share of each individual in the United Kingdom in the drink bill for 1913 was eighteen dollars while the average for a family of five persons was ninety dollars. Since these figures do not allow for the boys and girls under fifteen years of age and the total abstainers, it may be assumed that among the drinkers the average per capita expense for drinks is much higher than stated. During 1911, 2,802 men and 2,074 women were certified to have died in England and Wales alone as the result of alcoholism. This number does not include those whose deaths have been accelerated by the use of alcohol. Dr. W. C. Sullivan is quoted in the report as making the estimate that twenty per cent of the suicides in the United Kingdom are due to the use of alcoholic stimulants.

A startling feature of the infant mortality figures furnished by the alliance is the fact that in 1912, 1,176 babies under one year of age were suffocated while sleeping with their parents or other elders, and the organization claims that most of these cases can be laid at the feet of alcoholic indulgence. The organization also points out the effect of alcohol on the physique of the race, on crime and on divorce.

WOMAN TITLE EXPERT.

Miss Gertrude Sabers, of Davis, Okla., is a native of Iowa, where she was a school teacher. She is now an expert on mineral titles and has invested heavily in oil and gas lands and also owns a great deal of zinc and lead lands.

VALDEZ WILL PUT UP FIGHT

For the Presidency of Republic of Panama to Succeed Parras in 1916.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PANAMA, May 9.—With the arrival of Dr. Ramon Valdez, Panamanian minister to London, politics became active and there are indications that he will wage a heated campaign for the presidency of the republic to succeed President Porras, whose term expires in 1916. Dr. Valdez is known to be the candidate President Porras favors to succeed him and through whom he hopes to continue the policies of his administration. It is understood that Dr. Valdez, who now is counselor for the department of foreign affairs, was brought back to Panama to begin an early and active campaign.

Interest Lukewarm. At present political activities center about coming election of thirty-six members of the National Assembly which takes place in July. Interest, however, is only lukewarm. The candidates of the Liberal party are unopposed, the Conservative party not taking any part in the contest. The latter maintain they are saving their strength for the presidential election when they contemplate putting forth a strong candidate who can win the favor of the United States government officials at the isthmus.

Split Indicated.

Dr. Valdez probably will be opposed in his own party for the presidential honor by Rodolfo Chiari, secretary of government and justice in the Porras cabinet. A split in the ranks of the liberals is indicated, but probably will not have serious consequences for the reason that the party is by far the larger of the two. Secretary Chiari, it is declared, has the support of Dr. Carlos A. Mendoza, a former president of the republic and one of the strongest political leaders in the country.

SPRING BRIDES OF NATIONAL CAPITAL



Miss Sybil Scott (top) and Miss Nora Pepper.

Among the numerous spring brides of Washington, two of the prettiest are Miss Nora Pepper, daughter of Charles W. Pepper, the former trade expert of the state department, and Miss Sybil Scott, daughter of the Iowa congressman, George C. Scott. Miss Pepper is to marry Dr. George W. Calver of the U. S. navy and Miss Scott is engaged to Mr. Dale Moore, a well-known newspaperman, formerly of St. Paul.

DIES SUDDENLY ON STREET CURB

Pneumonia Causes Death of a Well Known Weston Man Saturday Morning.

While sitting on the curb in front of the Glen Elk hotel, where he had gone for a bit of fresh air, C. A. Hyer, a notary public and collector, of Weston, died at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mr. Hyer was seized with an illness while sitting in the lobby of the hotel and other persons in the hotel, noting his apparent illness, took him outside for fresh air and he died a few moments later. The cause of his death was said to be pneumonia.

Dr. S. M. Mason, coroner, was notified and after making an investigation, decided that an inquest was not necessary.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Over Body of James Jack, Who Was Killed in Mt. Clare Mines Held Here.

Funeral services over the body of James Jack, aged 30 years, who was instantly killed Friday afternoon when he fell under a trip of cars he was driving out of the Domestic Coal Company's mine at Mt. Clare, were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

Friday was Jack's first day's work at the mine and he was not accustomed to the work. He is survived by a widow, and several brothers and sisters.

MUST RETURN

To the Coal Miners Monday or the Union Charters Will be Revoked.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CHARLESTON, May 9.—District officers of the United Mine Workers of America have notified all members of the union that they must return to work Monday pending further wage negotiations with the operators or their local charters will be revoked. There was no serious trouble at Boone last night, marching miners having returned to their homes when Sheriff Hill's deputies arrived. No trouble was expected today as the leaders were counselling moderation.

CONFERENCE

Of a Joint Character is to be Arranged by Ohio Coal Miners' Officials.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

COLUMBUS, O., May 9.—Officials of the Ohio miners' organization and coal operators of the Hocking district probably will meet here next Monday to arrange for a second joint conference in an attempt to effect a settlement of the dispute over a wage scale. The announcement was made here today by G. W. Savage, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio United Mine Workers, Eastern Ohio operators have not joined with the Hocking operators in the invitation to the miners for reopening negotiations, looking to resume work in the mines all of which have been closed since April 1. Miners officials are considering starting payment of benefits soon to the 45,000 men who are idle. Mr. Savage said the Ohio miners have \$268,000 in the treasury and that this would be consumed in a short period, following which aid from the international organization would be required.

GLASS FACTORIES

At Several Places Are Going Out of Commission For the Summer Season.

Several window glass factories are going out of commission for the summer according to advices received late this week. Among the number included in the list may be mentioned the following: Doddridge Window Glass Company, West Union, W. Va., 24 blower tank; Wilcox Glass Company, Wilcox, Pa., 30 blowers; Tuna Glass Company, Clarksburg, W. Va., 48 blowers; Crescent Glass Company, Weston, W. Va., 48 blowers; Camp Glass Company, Huntington, W. Va., 60 blowers, and the Utica Glass Company, Utica, O., 48 blowers.

AVIATORS KILLED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
STETTIN, Germany, May 9.—Lieutenants Faber and Crutz, German army aviators, were killed today while attempting to make a landing here. The accident apparently was brought about by the pilot turning the machine too abruptly.

With a Large Number of Society Women of the Country Taking Part

A NEW SONG IS HEARD

Occasion is to Impress on Congress Demand for Passage of a Bill.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—With banners flying, ten bands playing and the women singing a marching song, several thousand suffragists from various sections of the country today paraded along Pennsylvania avenue from Lafayette Square to the capitol. There 531 of them, representing every state in the union, and assigned one to each senator and representative, presented to the members of Congress petitions asking the passage of the Bristow-Mondell resolution, calling for a federal constitutional amendment enfranchising women.

White Robed Chorus.

Immense crowds viewed the procession along the route. When the capitol was reached the bands were massed on the plaza before the East front, where they played the "March of the Women," composed by Dr. Ethel Smyth, of England, accompanying a chorus of 1,000 women, wearing robes of white, with green stoles and fillets of green on their heads.

The parade followed a mass meeting in a downtown theater presided over by Mrs. William Kent, wife of Representative Kent, of California, and at which stirring addresses were made by Miss Caroline Lexlow, field secretary of the Women's Political Union, of New York; Mrs. Donald Hooker, of Baltimore, and Miss Lucy Burns, of Brooklyn, chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, under the auspices of which the demonstration was held. Among those occupying boxes at the meeting were Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York; Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, of Wilmington, Del., daughter of President Cleveland's secretary of state; Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the Federal Children's Bureau; Mrs. Harriet Stanton Glatch, of New York, daughter of the late Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the pioneer leaders in the suffrage movement; the Equal Franchise Society, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Antoinette Funk, of Chicago, and the Pennsylvania Men's League for Suffrage. A number of young women, many of them prominent in society, acted as ushers.

Many Novel Features.

There were many novel features in the parade and the marching women were cheered loudly by the throngs that lined Pennsylvania avenue all the way from Lafayette Square, opposite the White House, to the capitol. First and foremost was borne aloft a banner, twenty feet wide bearing the inscription: "We demand the passage of the Bristow-Mondell resolution." Then came the first section, the pageant division, typifying Spring, Youth and Hope, which had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Elphinst Andrews, a well known artist. Thousands of garlands of flowers were carried by the young women and children, the shades of the blossoms having been selected with an eye to harmonizing with the union's colors, purple, white and gold.

In this division also marched the chorus of 1,000 led by Mrs. Apolline M. Blair, president of the Rubenstein Club, of this city. Attractive as was this part of the parade, it did not evoke any more enthusiasm or interest from the onlookers than the cavalry section which came next and was commanded by Mrs. Juliet Barrett Rublee, of Washington, who also was the mounted grand marshal of the procession.

Seven Color Bearers. In advance of the cavalry contingent were seven color bearers, on horseback, each carrying a purple, white and gold flag. At their head rode Miss Elsie Hill, daughter of former Representative Hill, of Connecticut. Among the prominent cavalrywomen were Mrs. Denver S. Church, wife of Representative Church, of California; Mrs. Charles Forrest Curry, wife of another California representative; Miss Mary Morgan, of Washington, niece of Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester; Miss Alberta Hill, formerly of Australia, now of New York; and Miss Elizabeth Kent, daughter of

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EXECUTION

Of an Unidentified American by Mexicans is Reported by General Funston.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—General Funston today from Vera Cruz confirmed unofficial reports that Private Parks, supposed to be insane, had been captured by Mexican federalists into whose lines he rode with two horses belonging to Lieutenant Thomas Taggart, whom he served as orderly. General Funston did not report that Parks had been executed, but mentioned the execution of an unidentified American.